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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows before examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 8 and 9.

8. (New) A method for removing tissue from a patient comprising the steps of:
providing a tissue removal device that includes an outer cannula defining a tissue-
receiving opening, an inner cannula moveably disposed within the outer cannula and defining

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